

The Fairhaven Colonial Club



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Fairhaven

Massachusetts



The Academy Building

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CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND THE LIST OF
MEMBERS; ALSO A HISTORICAL SKETCH BY
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The Colonial Club of Fairhaven was organized in 1912 from a nucleus consisting of the "Colonial Dames"—those who took part in the centennial celebration of the town, commemorating and becoming a part of its history.

With enthusiasm and energy, these ladies, most of them habitually concerned in the welfare of the community, readily grasped at such an opportunity to concentrate and condense thoughts, long prevalent in the town, of establishing a historical society. The inheritors of the reminiscences of a century had finally come to the propitious time to organize their efforts into a commune of kindred spirits.

Their hopes suddenly materialized into a definite and enthusiastic ideal, and in six years have developed into a society with over 200 members, domiciled at first in the old Academy building in an incomparable environment of historic interest.

Here, the ancestors of these people were taught their first and last school lessons for their life work, and their descendants are now taking up their precepts of the past,

in the atmosphere of this ancient structure, which was standing in 1797.

This Academy became the property of H. H. Rogers, who moved it from its former location at the Southwest corner of the bridge entrance, to the grounds of the Rogers High School, where it now stands.

For many years the Academy in its old location, belonged to the Hawes family. The class room in the upper story long after the building had become obsolete as a school, was altered into a music and dance hall, by John A. Hawes, who at that time owned it, having inherited it from the Bordens, his mother being of that family.

A class room of the old school is still intact, with box seats, graded in size, on each side, rising in steps to the back. A narrow, open space divided them and led to the teacher's desk, which was of more importance in size and height.

The room not being large and the seats being closely arranged, the visitor can imagine the teacher on the high seat who there could so easily have an eye over all.



The Class Room

This room has every appearance of never having been disturbed by the vandal hands of those who chase time away in their perpetual desire to be but a type of to-day, to-morrow, and so on.

The old Academy is in the hands of the Colonial club, and has been affectionately cared for. Few alterations have been made except such as are consistent with the utility of its purpose.

The club from its beginning has prospered, and attained a conspicuous position, by its own energies, never being at a loss in acquiring funds to keep it on a substantial basis. By means of lawn fetes, card parties, and other entertainments during the six years since it was organized, the members have sustained the society in such necessary expenditures as have been incidental to accumulation and the general expenses of such a club, and besides have raised \$1,500 for the alteration of their home, and still have funds in the treasury.

A special and eventful meeting was held by the Colonial Club, on the evening of July 3, 1916, at the society's museum in the old Academy building, for the purpose of acting upon the acceptance of a "deed of gift"

of the house of the late Martha Coggeshall, a member of the club.

Mrs. Coggeshall, in her devoted interest for the society, by her last will and testament, chose to bequeath to it her homestead, consisting of land and a handsome house, with all its furnishings (which also includes a collection of antique furniture) with the free option of discarding whatsoever may be inappropriate and undesired for the purposes of the club. Provision is amply made for the upkeep of the house and grounds in the purposes designed, and for two caretakers, a man and a woman.

The only restriction placed upon the Colonial Club, is, that no funds are allowed to provide collations for its entertainments.

This gift, munificent and consistent for the purposes for which it is intended, provides a commodious social headquarters, from which location is a fine prospect overlooking the harbor and its shipping in the view to the South, limited only by the distant Elizabeth islands twenty miles away. A fine lawn extends to the water's edge. Hardly more could be desired for a pleasurable



The Coggeshall Memorial



MRS. H. K. NYE
The First President

retreat, for the summer gatherings of the club, or better could not have been devised as an appropriate and thoughtful memorial.

Mrs. Coggeshall was a native of Fairhaven, and was always very much attached to it, and also to the friends of her youth. She was identified with all of the many interests of the town.

It had long been her desire, fully recognizing the Club's commendable purposes, to sometime help it in a substantial manner. She expressed a hope in her will that, inspired by this legacy, each native family of the town would contribute at least one gift to the club to accelerate the accumulation of family historical records.

This legacy has given a new impetus to the Colonial club. It has grown from 21 members to an association of over two hundred.

The Colonial club was formed through the suggestion of Lemuel D. Eldred.

The original Colonial Dames were as follows: Mrs. H. K. Nye, Mrs. Zenas Winsor, Mrs. Sarah Goodnow, Miss Emily Allen, Mrs. I. N. Babbit, Miss Helen Maxfield, Mrs.

Frank L. Wilde, Mrs. W. B. Studley, Mrs. George L. Hiller, Miss Susan Damon, Miss Mary E. Aiken, Mrs. Frank Blossom, Mrs. Frank H. Church, Miss Helen B. Copeland, Mrs. Sarah Jordan, Mrs. Henry B. Waldron, Mrs. C. L. Dunham, Miss Mabel L. Potter, Miss Maria F. Tripp, Mrs. E. G. Tallman and Mrs. George Hammond.



The Colonial Dames

BY-LAWS

OF THE FAIRHAVEN COLONIAL CLUB

ARTICLE I.

NAME—The name shall be "The Fairhaven Colonial Club."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT—The object shall be the proper care and preservation of such articles as shall be given or loaned, to foster an interest in local history, to promote among its members good fellowship, and to establish a home furnished as far as possible, with the beautiful household furnishings of the past.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS—The officers of the Club shall be a President, a first Vice-President, a second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and Six Directors; these to form the Executive Board with the Chairmen of the following committees: House, Gift and Loan, Ways and Means, Membership, Historical, and Entertainment.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS—The Executive Board shall manage the business of the Club and have control of

its affairs. In case of a vacancy arising in the Board, the Board shall fill such vacancy until the next annual election.

Section 2.

PRESIDENT—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board and Club, and the President shall be a member ex-officio without vote of all the committees of the Club.

Section 3.

VICE-PRESIDENTS—It shall be the duty of the first Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the duty of the second Vice-President to do the same in the absence of President and first Vice-President.

Section 4.

RECORDING SECRETARY—The duty of the Recording Secretary is to make a record of all meetings of the Board and Club, and to endorse all bills approved by the Board.

Section 5.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—The duty of the Corresponding Secretary is to conduct all the correspondence of the Club.

Section 6.

TREASURER—The duty of the Treasurer is to collect, receive, hold and pay out all money as directed by the Board and to present monthly reports. Membership tickets shall constitute a receipt for dues received.

Section 7.

COMMITTEES—No member shall serve as chairman of more than one committee at one time. No plan of work shall be pursued by any committee, which has not first been submitted to and approved by the Board.

Section 8.

HOUSE COMMITTEE—A House Committee consisting of eight members shall control the running of the property. It shall have power to engage and discharge servants, to make rules and regulations regarding the use of property by members, and to enforce order and obedience to such rules. The House Committee is to be always under the direction of the Executive Board and any unusual use of the property is to be brought by the Board before the Club for decision.

Section 9.

GIFT AND LOAN COMMITTEE—The Gift and Loan Committee consisting of five members is to solicit, collect and receive such articles of interest as shall

be brought to their attention. In case of doubt as to the classification of any article the Executive Board shall decide.

Section 10.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE—The Membership Committee consisting of five members is to endeavor to retain membership to the number of two hundred and fifty for the best interest of the Club. It shall submit to the Board, the name of all persons applying for membership.

Section 11.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE—The Ways and Means Committee consisting of five members is to raise such sums at such times as shall seem necessary by the Executive Board and in ways approved by the Board.

Section 12.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE—The Entertainment Committee consisting of five members shall plan and arrange entertainment for the Club, under the direction of the Executive Board.

Section 13.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE—The Historical Committee shall consist of three members. They shall collect such matters of local history as may be of interest to the Club.

Section 14.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—The Nominating Committee is to file a report with the Corresponding Secretary fifteen days before the annual meeting and the Corresponding Secretary shall mail to every Club member a list of nominations for the next year, at least seven days before the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1.

MEETINGS—Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held the first Monday evening in each month at eight o'clock.

Section 2.

ANNUAL MEETING—The annual meeting shall be held the first Monday evening in June at eight o'clock. Chairmen of committees shall submit written reports of the year's work.

Section 3.

SPECIAL MEETINGS—Special meetings may be called by the President at any time, and by the Recording Secretary at the request of three members.

ARTICLE 6.

Section 1.

MEMBERSHIP—Any resident of, or native of, or any person whose ancestors were residents of or natives

of Fairhaven may become a member by sending the name to the Membership Committee and receiving a majority vote of the Executive Board and receiving a membership card in receipt for dues.

Section 2.

WITHDRAWALS—Any member wishing to withdraw may do so after signifying that intention and paying dues to date.

ARTICLE 7.

Section 1.

ANNUAL DUES—The annual dues shall be one dollar, and payable in advance.

Section 2.

UNPAID DUES—If a member's dues remain unpaid at the expiration of thirty days from date of annual meeting the name shall be removed from list of members.

ARTICLE 8.

Section 1.

ELECTIONS—The Officers, Chairmen of Committees, an Auditor and a Nominating Committee consisting of five members, no one of whom shall be members of the Executive Board, shall be elected at the annual meeting.

Section 2.

TERMS OF OFFICE—The term of office of President and the two Vice-Presidents shall be limited to two years and no member shall serve on the Executive Board longer than three years continuously, but any member may be eligible to hold office after the expiration of one year.

ARTICLE 9.

Section 1.

AMENDMENTS—Amendments may be made at any meeting of the Club if notice has been given in the call for such meeting and upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting.

ARTICLE 10.

Section 1.

QUORUM—It shall take seven members of the Board and thirty members of the Club to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 11.

Section 1.

GIFTS—All articles either given or loaned shall revert to the original owner or their heirs if the Colonial Club ceases to exist or becomes other than an independent organization.

MEMBERS

- AKIN, CHARLES T.
AKIN, MISS ELLEN H.
AKIN, MISS MARY E.
ALBISTON, MRS. M. A.
ALLEN, MISS EMILY P.
ALLEN, JOSEPH H.
ALLEN, MRS. JOSEPH H.
ALLEN, MISS LILLIE B.
ALLEN, MISS LILLIE B.
ALLEN, MISS MINNIE L.
ALMY, EDGAR M.
ALMY, MRS. EDGAR M.
- BABBITT, MRS. I. N.
BAKER, EDWARD E.
BAKER, MRS. EDWARD E.
BAKER, MRS. JAMES G.
BEARDSLEY, MRS. C. A.
BENNETT, MISS CLARA
BENNETT, MRS. JAMES L.
BISBEE, MRS. M. LYMAN
BLOSSOM, W. L.
BLOSSOM, MRS. W. L.
BOYD, MRS. M. E.
BRALEY, A. L.
BRALEY, MRS. A. L.
BRIGHTMAN, MRS. ELIZA-
BETH A.
BROUGHTON, MRS. URBAN H.
BROWN, MRS. PIERCE D.
BRYDEN, MRS. ADELAIDE
BRYDEN, MRS. BESSIE G.
BRYDEN, MISS ESTHER A.
BUFFINGTON, MISS NANCY H.
BUSHNELL, CHARLES F.
BUSHNELL, MRS. CHARLES F.
- CAOQUETTE, MISS STELLA
CARPENTER, MRS. BURT W.
CARPENTER, MRS. ORRIN B.
CHURCH, FRANK H.
CHURCH, MRS. FRANK H.
CHURCH, W. F.
CHURCH, MRS. W. F.
CHURCH, WM. P.
CHURCH, MRS. WM. P.
- CLARK, MRS. JOHN L.
CLARK, LILLIAN
CLARKE, MISS SARA B.
COPELAND, MISS HELEN B.
COPELAND, MRS. M. A.
COTTELLE, B. F.
COTTELLE, MRS. B. F.
COWEN, MRS. CATHERINE H.
COWEN, MRS. EDSON S.
CROWELL, MISS MYRA D.
CROWELL, MRS. SARAH R.
CROCKER, GORHAM D.
CROCKER, MRS. GORHAM D.
- DAMON, MISS SUSAN T.
DANA, MISS EDITH
DANA, MISS GRACE
DEANE, DANIEL W.
DEANE, MRS. DANIEL W.
DELANO, MISS ADA E.
DELANO, MRS. DORA
DELANO, MISS EMMA T.
DELANO, MRS. FRANCES G.
DELANO, MRS. JOSEPH S.
DELANO, WILLIAM F.
DUNHAM, CRAWFORD L.
DUNHAM, MRS. CRAWFORD L.
- ELDRED, LEMUEL D.
- FAIRCHILD, MISS ANNIE J.
FAIRFIELD, MISS GEORGIA E.
FISH, MISS ALICE M.
FOSTER, MRS. A. P.
FROMMELL, M. H.
FROMMELL, MRS. M. H.
- GARDINER, MRS. ABBIE C.
GARDINER, GEORGE N.
GILLINGHAM, MRS. JAMES L.
GODDARD, MRS. ALVANO C.
GOODNOW, MRS. JOTHAM
GREENLEAF, MISS MARY W.
- HADLEY, MISS CARRIE B.
HAMMOND, GEORGE D.

HAMMOND, MRS. GEO. D.
HAMMOND, MRS. HARRIET M.
HANDY, MRS. CARRIE B.
HARMOND, MRS. CATHRENA
HAWES, W. C.
HAWES, MRS. W. C.
HOOK, GILMAN E.
HOOK, MRS. GILMAN E.
HOWLAND, MISS ABBY
HOWLAND, MISS FLORENCE

B.

HOWLAND, MISS GERTRUDE
HOWLAND, MISS MARY B.
HOWLAND, PARDON A.
HOWLAND, MRS. PARDON A.
HOWLAND, MISS RACHEL
HOWARD, MISS REBECCA
HUTTLESTON, MISS SARAH T.

IRISH, MRS. GEORGE O.

JENNEY, EVERETT H.
JENNEY, MRS. EVERETT H.
JORDAN, MRS. SARAH H.

KELLEY, ANDERSON W.
KELLEY, MRS. ANDERSON W.
KELLEY, MRS. DAVID N.
KNOWLES, MRS. HENRY M.
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LADD, MRS. J. H.
LADD, MISS OLIVE P.
LAPHAM, L. C.
LAPHAM, MRS. L. C.
LEIGHTON, MRS. FLORA H.
LEONARD, MISS AURILLA C.
LEONARD, MISS FRANCELIA
N.
LEONARD, MISS JULIET P.
LEONARD, MISS LOUISE
LYONS, J. P.
LYONS, MRS. J. P.

MANCHESTER, MRS. ED-
WARD, JR.
MARTIN, MRS. THOS.
MERRILL, MRS. ELIZABETH
R.

MITCHELL, CHARLES
MITCHELL, MRS. CHARLES
MORTON, MRS. ELBRIDGE G.
MOSGROVE, MRS. A. H.
MOONEY, MISS MARGARET M.
MUNDIE, MRS. W. B.
MURRAY, PETER
MURRAY, MRS. PETER
MYRICK, MRS. EMMA

NORRIS, MISS M. LOUISE
NYE, ELLA H.
NYE, HORACE K.
NYE, MRS. HORACE K.

PAGE, MISS LILLIAN E.
PAULL, MRS. ALTON B.
PEASE, Z. W.
PEASE, MRS. Z. W.
PERRY, MRS. ISABELLA L.
PERRY, MRS. SUSAN B.
PETTEE, MRS. JOSEPH
PINAULT, MRS. Z. R.
PITMAN, MRS. ANNA M.
POOR, MRS. LOUIS F.
POPE, H. L.
POPE, MRS. H. L.
PORTER, MRS. CORA A.
PORTER, JAMES P.
PORTER, MRS. JAMES P.
POTTER, MISS MABEL L.

RIBBLE, MISS MARY A.
RICHARDS, MISS ALFREIDA
K.

RICKETSON, MRS. HARRY J.
RIEDEL, C. H.
RIEDEL, MRS. C. H.
ROBBINS, MISS LIZZIE
ROBINSON, MISS ANNA B.
ROGERS, MRS. P. A.
RUGGLES, MRS. JOHN A., JR.
RUSSELL, MRS. EDGAR W.

SAWYER, MRS. ELIZABETH
SEARS, MISS AMANDA F.
SEARS, MRS. JULIA A.
SHERMAN, W. C.

SHERMAN, MRS. W. C.
SHERMAN, MRS. H. A.
SHIPPEE, MRS. CARL C.
SHURTLEFF, L. T.
SHURTLEFF, MRS. L. T.
SISSON, FRANK W.
SISSON, MRS. FRANK W.
STETSON, JOHN H.
STETSON, MRS. JOHN H.
STODDARD, MRS. S. MEIGS
STOWELL, B. F.
STOWELL, MRS. B. F.
STUART, MRS. GEORGE H.

TABER, MISS R. L. H.
TALLMAN, MRS. E. G.
TALLMAN, MISS NELLA K.
THOMPSON, DR. C. E. P.
THOMPSON, MRS. C. E. P.
TOMLINSON, THOMAS
TOMLINSON, MRS. THOMAS
TRIPP, MRS. ELIZABETH B.
TRIPP, GEORGE F.
TRIPP, MRS. GEORGE F.
TRIPP, MRS. GEORGE H.
TROWBRIDGE, MISS ANNA B.
TROWBRIDGE, MRS. M. L.

VAN NOSTRAND, A. G.
VAN NOSTRAND, MRS. A. G.

WALDRON, MRS. C. D.
WALDRON, H. D.
WALDRON, MRS. H. D.
WALTER, MRS. DORA C.
WATTERSON, S. F.
WESTGATE, MISS HELEN M.
WHITE, MRS. ELIZA C.
WHITFIELD, M. P.
WHITFIELD, MRS. M. P.
WHITING, E. S., JR.
WHITING, MRS. E. S., JR.
WILBAR, ARTHUR H.
WILBAR, MRS. ARTHUR H.
WILDE, MRS. L. FRANK
WILLIAMS, MISS ABBIE
WILSON, CHARLES A.
WILSON, MRS. CHARLES A.
WINCHESTER, MISS L. F.
WINSOR, MRS. W. P.
WINSOR, ZENAS
WINSOR, MRS. ZENAS

Farewell! But in our hearts we have you yet,
Holding our heritage with loving hand,
Who may not follow where your feet are set
Upon the ways of Wonderland.

—Anon.

DECEASED MEMBERS

AKIN, MRS. ELIZABETH E.	LAWTON, MRS. MYRA F.
ALLEN, MISS ELIZABETH M.	LONGLEY, MRS. HERBERT E.
BARNEY, MRS. WILLIAM H.	LUMBARD, MRS. CHARLES E.
BLOSSOM, MRS. FRANKLYN A.	MAXFIELD, MRS. CHARLES P.
COGGESHALL, JOHN E.	NICKERSON, MRS. BENJ. F.
COGGESHALL, MRS. JOHN E.	PAULL, MRS. ELBRIDGE G.
DARY, MRS. HELEN M.	PAULL, MRS. NORMAN M.
DELANO, MRS. EPHRAIM	POPE, MRS. CAROLINE D.
FULLER, MRS. SARAH F.	SPOONER, EDWARD G.
GARDINER, MRS. GEORGE N.	STODDARD, MISS L. C. D.
GREENLEAF, MISS ELLEN	TRIPP, JOB C.
JENNEY, MISS ADDIE T.	TRIPP, MISS MARIA F.
JENNEY, MRS. ELIZABETH R.	WALDRON, CHARLES D.

